300 calories and 10—15 gms. of proteins per child per day for 270 days in a year. Efforts are made to ensure satisfactory conditions of health and hygiene, environmental sanitation ad immunisation besides regular check-up. In addition, facilities of socialisation of the habits of children through recreational and other informal educational activities are provided in the Balwadis.

Setting up of some Indian Railway Welfare Organisations

605. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Indian Railway Welfare Organisation has been set up;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their locations and activities to be undertaken by the said organisations;

(c) under what criteria the staff of this organisations has been recruited;

(d) what are the sources of finances of this Organisation;

(e) whether some more similar organisations under patronage of Ministry are functioning; and

(f) if so, their names, mode of recruitment of staff including their remunerations, sources of finance and activities of these organisations separately namewise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A new Organisation called the Indian Railway Welfare Organisation (IRWO) has been set up under the patronage of Ministry of Railways, with its Headquarters at New Delhi, to build houses for serving and retired railway employees as a social welfare activity on 'no-profit no-loss' basis. The Organisation has been registered as a Society in Delhi under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 on 25-9-1989.

IRWO will acquire land in various towns, from the State Governments and Land Development Authorities and construct houses on self-financing basis for serving and retired railway employees depending upon the availability of land and response from the railway staff.

(c) In accordance with the Memorandum of Association of IRWO, the Managing Director of the Organisation has been appointed with the approval of the Chairman, Railway Board who is also the Patron of the Organisation. Two Directors of the Organisation dealing with Technical and Finance matters have been appointed by the Member Staff, Railway Board who is the Chairman of the Organisation.

The other staff of the organisation are recruited, as and when required, by the Managing Director as provided in the bye-laws of IRWO in consultation with the Director Technical and Director Finance of the Organisation.

(d) The Organisation has been given a Seed Capital of Rs. 3 crore in 1989-90 by the Ministry of Finance and Rs. 10 crore in 1990-91 by the Ministry of Railways to purchase land. In course of time, the projects undertaken by the organisation will be financed by the allottees participating in various Housing Schemes.

In addition, the Ministry of Railways have also given a grant-in-aid of Rs. 5 lac in 1989-90 and Rs. 22.5 lac in 1990-91 towards Establishment expenses in the initial stages.

(e) There are no other Welfare Organisations under the Ministry of Railways established on similar lines.

(f) Does not arise.

Provision of more facilities to passengers

606. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railways have provided a large number of facilities to its passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these facilities also include cleaning of bogies at places where reservation quota is provided, chain pulling facility in each bogey, provision of cold water in all trains irrespective of seasons of different places, provision of complaint book in each bogey of all trains;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following facilities have been provided in trains and at stations taking into account the quantum of traffic handled and the classification of the station:—

At Stations:—

Platform Surface, cover-over-platform, drinking water, benches, bathing facilities, urinals, latrines, footover-bridges' waiting halls, waiting rooms for gents & ladies, retiring rooms catering facilities, shady trees, enquiry offices, reservation offices, cloak rooms, booking of luggage, licensed porters for carriage of luggage, parking, books & miscellaneous articles, stalls, chemist stalls, first aid boxes, complaint book etc.

In Trains:—

Cushions in second class day & sleeper coaches, fans & lights, air-conditioned coaches, drinking water facilities on long distance trains, water coolers in coaches on some trains as a trial measure, catering facilities, toilet facilities, cleaning of coaches at certain selected enroute stations, mobile train cleaning staff on selected trains, vestibuling of important mail and express trains, train superintendents in certain super-fast trains, bed rolls to upper class passengers, first aid boxes with Guards, medical assistance in emergencies, escorting of trains by security staff, assistance in lodging or FIRs in the train itself, communication with train crew in emergencies (alarm chain apparatus), complaint book etc.

(c) and (d) Facility of cleaning of coaches is available at train originating/terminating stations and at some selected stations enroute. The alarm chain apparatus is available in each coach, but in some trains having high incidance of misuse of this facility, the same has been blanked off. Drinking water in trains is arranged by providing water containers in AC sleeper coaches, jerry cans in first and second class sleeper coaches and by posting mobile watermen in important long distance trains during summer. Complaint book is available with the Guard, Conductor and Coach Attendant in AC First class coaches.

(e) Does not arise.

Installation of additional telephone connection at enquiry and reservation offices in Delhi

607. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern Railway has been adding more telephone connections in its enquiry and reservation offices at Delhi to augment its existing network;

(b) if so, the details of telephone connections functioning at present in each of its complex separately for enquiry office and reservation office with number of lines linked to each such connection:

(c) whether the Railways propose to provide some more additional connections to its enquiry and reservation offices located in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.